



50-State Comparison: English Learner Policies

Type of funding

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The following information was gathered from state statute and regulation. However, if statute or regulation stated that the funding method was determined by another entity, the funding method set externally is provided as well.

There are four EL program funding methods captured:

- Foundation Formula: Districts receive a base amount of funding per student with additional money or weights added to fund English learners. (33 states and the District of Columbia)
- Resource Allocation Model: States distribute resources rather than assigning weights or dollar values for English learners. (6 states)
- Grant: The state requires districts to apply for funding, and districts must make a case for why they should receive additional funding. Funding for English learners is distributed outside of the funding formula. (6 states)
- Reimbursement: Districts submit actual expenditures to the state, and the state reimburses districts for all or a portion of their spending. Funding for English learners is distributed outside of the funding formula. (1 state)

Four states do not specify their funding models in statute or regulation. View the full 50-State Comparison: English Learner Policies [here](#).

STATE	TYPE OF FUNDING	SOURCE
Federal Law	Grant	20 U.S.C.A. § 6821
Alabama	Not found in statute or regulation.	
Alaska	Foundation Formula.	Alaska Stat. Ann. § 14.17.420
Arizona	Foundation Formula	Ariz. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 15-943
Arkansas	Foundation Formula	Ark. Code Ann. § 6-20-2305
California	Foundation Formula	Cal.Educ.Code § 42238.02
Colorado	Grant	Colo. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 22-24-104
Connecticut	Grant	Conn. Gen. Stat. Ann. § 10-17g
Delaware	Resource Allocation Model	Del. Code Ann. tit. 14, § 1716

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District of Columbia	Foundation Formula	D.C. Code § 38-2905
Florida	Foundation Formula	Fla. Stat. Ann. § 1011.62
Georgia	Foundation Formula	Ga. Code Ann. § 20-2-161
Hawaii	Foundation Formula	Haw. Rev. Stat. § 302A-1303.6
		Additional Source
Idaho	Grant	Idaho Code Ann. § 33-1617
Illinois	Resource Allocation Model	105 Ill. Comp. Stat. Ann. 5/18-8.15
Indiana	Grant	Ind. Code Ann. § 20-30-9-13
Iowa	Foundation Formula	Iowa Code Ann. § 280.4
Kansas	Foundation Formula	Kan. Stat. Ann. § 72-5150
Kentucky	Foundation Formula	702 Ky. Admin. Regs. 3:270
Louisiana	Foundation Formula	La. Const. Ann. art. VIII, § 13
		Additional Source
Maine	Foundation Formula	Me. Rev. Stat. tit. 20-A, § 15675
Maryland	Foundation Formula	Md. Code Ann., Educ. § 5-208
Massachusetts	Foundation Formula	Mass. Gen. Laws Ann. ch. 70, § 3
Michigan	Foundation Formula	Mich. Comp. Laws Ann. § 388.1641
Minnesota	Foundation Formula	Minn. Stat. Ann. § 124D.65
Mississippi	Not found in statute or regulation.	
Missouri	Foundation Formula	Mo. Ann. Stat. § 163.011
		Additional Source
Montana	Not found in statute or regulation.	
Nebraska	Foundation Formula	Neb. Rev. Stat. § 79-1007.08
Nevada	Foundation Formula	Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 387.1214
New Hampshire	Foundation Formula	N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 198:40-a

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New Jersey	Foundation Formula	N.J. Stat. Ann. § 18A:7F-51
		Additional Source
New Mexico	Foundation Formula	N.M. Stat. Ann. § 22-8-22
New York	Foundation Formula	N.Y. Educ. Law § 3602
North Carolina	Resource Allocation Model	N.C. Gen. Stat. Ann. § 115C-238.70
		Additional Source
North Dakota	Foundation Formula	N.D. Cent. Code Ann. § 15.1-27-03.1
Ohio	Foundation Formula	Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 3317.016
Oklahoma	Foundation Formula	Okl. Stat. Ann. tit. 70, § 18-201.1
Oregon	Foundation Formula	Or. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 327.013
Pennsylvania	Foundation Formula	24 Pa. Cons. Stat. Ann. § 25-2502.53
Rhode Island	Foundation Formula	R.I. Gen. Laws Ann. § 16-7.2-6
South Carolina	Not found in statute or regulation.	
South Dakota	Foundation Formula	S.D. Codified Laws § 13-13-10.1
Tennessee	Resource Allocation Model	Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-3-307
Texas	Foundation Formula	Tex. Educ. Code Ann. § 48.105
Utah	Grant	Utah Admin. Code r. R277-708-3
Vermont	Foundation Formula	Vt. Stat. Ann. tit. 16, § 4010
Virginia	Resource Allocation Model	Va. Code Ann. § 22.1-253.13:2
Washington	Resource Allocation Model	Wash. Rev. Code Ann. § 28A.150.260
West Virginia	Grant	W. Va. Code Ann. § 18-9A-22
Wisconsin	Reimbursement	Wis. Stat. Ann. § 115.95
Wyoming	Foundation Formula	Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 21-13-309